



**A WILD AVOCADO TREE IN COSTA RICA. (*PERSEA* SP., PROBABLY
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This wild avocado, which, up to the present, has been observed only on the slopes of the volcano Irazu, in central Costa Rica, is believed by its discoverers, Wilson Popenoe and Oton Jimenez, to be the wild prototype of the cultivated Guatemalan race of avocados, and probably of the West Indian as well. It is quite distinct from the Mexican avocado both in appearance of tree and foliage and in the character of the fruit. Because of its wild nature and the vigor of its growth it is believed this avocado may be of value as a stock plant on which to graft cultivated sorts. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, near La Palma, Costa Rica, June 9, 1920; P17902FS.)